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FOR SCHMIDT FROM THE AMBWSSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. MFN. IN PARTIAL RESPONSE TO STATE 179410, WE ARE  
PLANNING SEVERAL MESSAGES BY MID-SEPTEMBER. ASSUMING THAT  
I AM BACK FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE LATTER HALF OF SEPTEMBER,  
I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE GENERAL SUBJECT WITH  
YOU AND OTHERS AT THAT TIME, INCLUDING FURTHER REPORTING/  
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE EMBASSY MIGHT SUBMIT  
LATER. COULD YOU SEND US ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON  
THE STUDIES UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON AND THEIR TARGET DATES?

2. AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT. AS WE REQUESTED IN SOFIA 1611,  
EVEN INTERIM FURTHER GUIDANCE WOULD BE HELPFUL. IF NEC-  
ESSARY, PERHAPS YOU COULD SEND US SOME COMMENTS VIA THIS  
CHANNEL.

3. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS. IN CONNECTION WITH  
THE PROCESSING OF PAPERS AT THE TIME OF MY CONFIRMATION  
HEARINGS LAST SUMMER, I SUBMITTED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WHICH GO BEYOND THE STANDARD STATE DEPT JF-1. UNFORTUNATELY,  
I DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF MY STATEMENTS HERE. IN ANY CASE,  
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I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING AND LETTING ME KNOW THAT,  
IF ANY, ANNUAL UPDATE I SHOULD SUBMIT (INCLUDING JF-1 AND  
JX-1A, AND ANY OTHER).

4. RENTAL INCREASE. WE WILL BE REPORTING ON A DRASTIC  
INCREASE IN RENTS BEING ASKED ON THE CHANCERY AND A SERIES  
OF APARTMENTS ON WHICH RENEWAL IS DUE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE

YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ANY INFORMATION ON BULGARIAN RENTALS IN THE STATES, SINCE THEY STATE THAT THEIR CHARGES ARE BASED ON RECIPROCITY. WE WILL BE MAKING THIS REQUEST IN A REGULAR CABLE, BUT I WANTED TO UNDERLINE IT.

5. CHANCERY SITES. WE HAVE EARLIER REQUESTED, IN SOFIA 1583 AND IN THIS CHANNEL IN SOFIA TYON INFORMATION ON THE STATUS AND NATURE OF THE BULGARIAN SETTLEMENT FOR THEIR LEASE ON THE VAN NESS PROPERTY. IN ADDITION TO THE QUESTIONS WE HAVE RAISED EARLIER, PERHAPS WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOB WILL RAISE THE ISSUE OF STRICT RECIPROCITY, I.E. TERMS FOR LEASING SIMILAR TO THEIR CONTRACT IN WASHINGTON. HOW WOULD SUCH A 99-YEAR LEASING ARRANGEMENT AFFECT FBO FUNDING OF SITE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION? ALSO, HAVE THEY RAISED THE SWAP PROPOSAL IN CONNECTION WITH SETTLEMENT, OR WILL THEY BE PUTTING UP HARD CURRENCY FOR THEIR DOWNPAYMENT? FINALLY, WE UNDERSTAND THE GOB WAS AT ONE TIME UNDER SOME PRESSURE FROM THE LANDLORD TO VACATE THEIR PRESENT CHANCERY. HAVE THEY BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO REMAIN PENDING THE TIME TO PLAN AND BUILD AT THE VAN NESS SITE? SINCE WE ANTICIPATE STRONG PRESSURE HERE TO MOVE TO AN INTERIM LOCATION, EVEN IF A PERMANENT BUILDING SITE IS FOUND AND AGREED SOON, IS THERE ANY PARALLEL IN THE BULGARIAN SITUATION IN WASHINGTON THAT WOULD HELP US?

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6. BUSEC. AS WE HAVE INDICATED IN SOFIA 1628, WE THINK IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IF MAY CAN BE PERSUADED TO COME TO BULGARIA SOON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH BULGARIAN OFFICIALS ON HOW TO MAKE THE COUNCIL MORE PRODUCTIVE IN THE FUTURE. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP WITH THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
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